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GEN. NICHOLS' SPEECH

Emphasizes Necessity for Production and Conservation of Food Resources of the Nation.

"I feel that I am standing upon sacred soil," said Gen. E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, in opening his address at the opera house in this city last night. Continuing, he said: "Upon these streets in Alexandria walked the men—your ancestors and mine—who had much to do in the making of this land of ours, and I sometimes wonder if our young men and women really appreciate the lives of those men and the heritage they handed down to us."

After referring at still greater length to the great men of the state of Virginia and the part they had to do with the history of our country, he took up the subject of the present conflict with Germany and in a plain but earnest manner proceeded to impress upon his audience the seriousness of the situation concerning the necessity for each one to do his or her part in the production and conervation of the resources of the country, especially with regard to food and other necessities which the United States will be called upon to supply.

With reference to the war he said we had no feeling against the German people, but that he hoped to see the Hohenzollern war party threshed out of existence, and that if America had not entered the war at this time it would have had to settle with them at some future period. He emphasized the fact that the important thing at present is for the people of this country to realize that men, munitions and food must be supplied for the allies as well as our own armies, otherwise the result must be disasterous for all. Concerning the men who are attempting to corner the food supplies of this country, he said he would not regret to see them "suspended thirty feet from the ground." His address was listened to with close attention.

Previous to General Nichols' address Hon. J. R. Caton spoke briefly concerning the war and the events which had led up to it, laying particular stress upon the duty of everyone to contribute in every way possible in the way of production and conservation of supplies.

Mr. Moncure Robinson presided as chairman and the Rev. W. J. Morton pronounced the invocation. Among those on the platform were Representative Carlin and Dr. Llewellyn Powell. The members of Company A, Alexandria Home Guards, attended in a body. Music was furnished by Prof. Plitt's orchestra. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Virginia Military Institute alumnae of the city.

MEN IN CAMP POISONED

Lieutenant Dead, Corporal Dying and 48 Other Members of Company Seriously Ill.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17.—Lieutenant William F. Corcoran, of the Third Pennsylvania Infantry, National Guard, is dead, Corporal Walwarth is dying, and 48 other members of Corcoran's company were made ill from poison believed to have been eaten by them in a pudding at a restaurant near the guardsmen's camp, yesterday. The proprietor, who was under contract to supply food for the soldiers, is being held under guard of militiamen pending investigation. Besides Walwarth, seven other members of the company are seriously ill in local hospitals. Efforts by physicians with stomach pumps saved many of the other men after serious illness. All those stricken live in Philadelphia.

ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOLS.

Proposals for Fuel for City Schools for Session of 1917 and 1918.

The undersigned will receive bids up to 12 noon, June 1, 1917, for furnishing the Alexandria City Schools with coal and wood for the coming winter.:

Estimated quantities needed:—

100 tons White Ash, Anthracite stove coal.

200 tons R. O. M., Bituminous Coal.

5 cords wood, sawed and split.

The bids for coal to be based on 2000 pounds to the ton, to be delivered in 90 days.

The coal and wood to be delivered at the various school houses in quantities designated.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. GILBERT COX,
117-6t Clerk.

THE MAY DAY PAGEANT

Interesting Program of Exercises to be Given by the Pupils of Alexandria Public School Tomorrow

The program for the May Day Pageant exercises to be given tomorrow by the pupils of the public schools of the city promises to be of a highly interesting character. In addition to the patriotic features, in which Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia are to take part, there will be an exhibition drill by the High School Cadets. The program in full will be as follows:

Drill, High School girls.

Folk Dance, "Oats, Peas, Beans, and Barley Grow," Primary grades, West End school.

Relay Race, girl and boys, West End school.

Game, "What Would You Like to Play," First Grade, Lee school.

Little Patriots Drill, Second Grade, Lee school.

Snail Game, "Carrousel," "Soldier Boy," Primary Grades, Washington school.

May Pole Dance, Third Grade, Lee school.

Call to the Colors, Fourth Grade, Washington school.

Scout Drill, Fifth and Sixth Grades, Washington school.

Pole Drill, Fifth and Sixth Grades, Lee and Washington schools.

A Relay, "Skipping Reed Dance," Fourth and Fifth Grades, Lee school.

Dodge Ball, Seventh Grade, Washington school.

Hoop Drill, Sixth and Seventh Grades, Lee school.

Cadets' Drill, High School Cadets.

The exercises will take place on the High school grounds at 2 o'clock p. m.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

Premier Proposes Exclusion of Six Northeast Counties.

London, May 17.—The British Prime Minister yesterday sent a letter to John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, outlining the Government's project for the settlement of the Home Rule question. He asked Mr. Redmond to state his views on the Government's questions in order that the Government may be able to consider the matter before Monday.

As soon as the Premier's proposals were available the Irish Unionists met to discuss the document. The Nationalists will hold a meeting tomorrow morning for the same purpose.

The Government, the letter set forth, has been desirous of effecting an immediate settlement which will concede the largest possible measure of home rule that can be secured by agreement at this moment, without prejudice to the undertaking by Parliament of a further and final settlement of the most disputed questions after the war. The Government's proposals provide for the introduction of a bill for the immediate application of the Home Rule act to Ireland, but excluding the six counties of Northeast Ulster, such exclusion to be subject to reconsideration by Parliament at the end of five years; a Council of Ireland, to be composed of two delegations, representing the excluded area as well as the new Irish Parliament; consideration of the bill after its second reading by a special conference under the chairmanship of some one commanding confidence.

As an alternative, it is suggested by the Premier that a convention of Irishmen of all parties be assembled for the purpose of arranging a scheme for self-government.

In Memoriam.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear son, Harry E. Connelly, who departed this life two months ago, March 15, 1917.

The pearly gates were opened wide
A voice within said come,
And Angels from the other side
Then bore our loved one home.

The days are long without him,
The nights so sad and drear,
And oft we think about him
The one we loved to dear.

O' God, in thy great heart of love,
Help us our grief to bear,
And when in heaven we meet above
There'll be no sorrow there.

—By his Mother.

Roe and buck shad, herring, butter fish, Jersey trout, Norfolk trout, white trout, bass, by the Potomac Fish Co., 109 north Royal street.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mrs. W. A. Smoot, sr., left the city this morning for a visit to Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Charles Hooff, who has been visiting friends on Seminary Hill, left this morning for her home in Laurel, Maryland.

Mrs. George Prior Anderton has returned to her home on Braddock Heights, after spending the past four month's in South America.

Potomac Lodge No. 38, I. O. O. F., will meet Friday night and confer the third degree on a class from Accotink Lodge.

Aaron Odell, who for many years conducted a butcher stand in the city market, died early this afternoon at his home on Washington street extended.

Many of the local fire insurance agents will attend the annual convention of the Virginia Association of local fire insurance agents, which is to be held at the Powhatan Hotel, Washington, May 24th and 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carter, of Green Spring Valley, Alexandria county, have offered to take four convalescent British, or Canadian, soldiers and have received a telegram that their offer will be accepted and four soldiers will soon arrive to be guests at their hospital home.

An approaching marriage that is of interest to a number of Alexandrians is that of Miss Eloise Orme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Orme, and Mr. Thomas Adams Robinson, of Haverford, Pa., will take place on the afternoon of June 2nd., at 5:30 o'clock in the garden of Evermay, the beautiful old home of Mr. and Mrs. Orme in Georgetown. Miss Orme has frequently attented the dances of the Alexandria German Club.

Mrs. Styles, of Philadelphia, Pa., is the guest of her son, Samuel E. Styles, 425 South Lee street.

Mrs. Louis Hooff has rented her home on Seminary Hill and has gone to reside with her son, Charles Hooff, in Laurel, Md.

Mrs. Amy C. Weech will lead the prayer meeting to be held at Ann Lee Memorial Home for the Aged tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Newton D. Baker, the wife of the Secretary of War, will sing Kiplings' famous "Recessional" at the Red Cross benefit in this city tonight.

Officer Bettis, who had been confined to his home by indisposition for several months, yesterday reported for duty. He will be employed as heretofore at the desk of the station house.

Lee M. Watkins and Mrs. Ida L. Lawler, both of this city, were married last night at St. Mary's parsonage by the Rev. Father Louis Smet. They left immediately for a northern brida tour after which they will reside in this city.

Forest fires were raging yesterday afternoon on the line of the electric railway three or four miles south of Alexandria. The residents of the neighborhood, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

The members of Post F, of the Travelers' Protective association, will give a baked shad dinner tomorrow evening in the Young People's building in honor of Daniel Wilson Sale, of Lynchburg. Mr. Sale is the national president of the association and a former resident of this city.

Alexandria Lodge, B. P. O. E. will give a euchre and dance on the night of Thursday, the 30th instant.

In the Circuit Court for the city today the estate of Sarah Lane was referred to City Sergeant R. H. Cox for administration.

Miss Emma Lansing, the sister of the Secretary of State, and Miss Mattis will motor out from Washington to attend the Red Cross benefit in this city this evening.

Several pardons were granted by Governor Stuart yesterday. George Davis, sentenced to 30 days in jail and a fine of $50, for transporting ardent spirits illegally into Alexandria county, applied for a pardon and this was refused.

The management of the Washington Virginia Railway Company has aad a broad red line painted along the edges of the pavement at the Twelfth street station, Washington, to warn patrons and others as a matter of safety to stand back out of danger.

Secretary Preston appeared before the police board at a meeting last evening and presented a request from the Chamber of Commerce urging that the vagrancy law be vigorously enforced, in order to compel able-bodied men who are now spending their time in idleness, to assist in caring for the country's necessities.

George C. Stuart, 42 years old, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, is at the Emergency Hospital, in Washington, suffering from cuts and bruises to his head and hands received in an automobile and street car collision late yesterday afternoon at Connecticut avenue and N street northewst. Mr. Stuart, operating his autombile west in N street, was struck as he crossed Connecticut avenue by a southbound car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

TWO BOYS KILLED BY AUTO.

One Lad Jolted From Truck and the Other Was Run Down in Front of Hospital.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Two boys were killed and a woman was run down and badly injured in the northern part of the city by motor vehicles yesterday afternoon. The first victim was 6 year old Robert King, who was jolted from a motor truck on which he had been stealing a ride. The police saw the child, trying to emulate older lads, had jumped on the end of a large truck loaded with iron girders. He was sitting on one of the girders when the truck struck a rut in the street and he was jolted off.

The child's skull was fractured in the fall and one of the wheels of the truck passed over his body, killing him instantly.

William Vattima, 15 years old, a helper on a Market street store delivery wagon, was killed in front of St. Luke's Hospital, Broad and Wingohocking streets. The lad had just delivered a package in the hospital and was running back to his wagon when he was struck by an automobile driver.

IN SWISS MINISTER'S JOB.

Business Man to Have Talkative Diplomat's Place.

Berne, May 17.—The sucessor of Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister to the United States, who has been transferred to the Legation at The Hague, will be Hans Sulzer, of Winterthur, provided he is persona grata to the American Government.

M. Sulzer, who is not a diplomat by training, is the head of the directorate of a firm bearing his name, and is considered exceptionally well-informed regarding the economic needs of Switzerland. His appointment to the Legation at Washington, like that of Dr. Ritter to The Hague, is understood to be only for the duration of the war ,after which "a final reorganization of Switzerland's diplomatic representation" will take place.

The diplomatic developments, under which Dr. Ritter was transferred to The Hague come as a complete surprise to the people of Switzerland, even though the change obviously had been intended for some time.

INCREASE IN PAY.

Senate Conferees Yield on This Provision, and Report is Adopted by House Without Record Vote.

Washington, May 17.—The conference report on the war army bill was adopted by the House without a record vote late yesterday after Representative Dent had announced that the Senate conferees had agreed to the House provision increasing the pay of enlisted men. Final action must be taken by the Senate.

The section regarding pay as agreed to by the conferees provides that all officers and enlisted men of the forces to be raised by conscription shall have the same pay, allowances and pensions as the regular army, and makes these increases in the pay of enlisted regulars: Those receiving $15 to $21 per month, an increase of $15 per month; those receiving $24, an increase of $12; those receiving $30, $36 or $40, an increase of $8; and those receving $45 or more, an increase of $6.

The senate is expected to accept the conference report today or Friday, and then it will go to the President.

CONGRESSWOMAN LEARNING

Miss Rankin Encounters Parliamentary Snag That Costs Her a Vote.

Washington, D. C. May, 17.—Representative Jeanette Rankin, Congresswoman from Montana, struck her first parliamentary snag yesterday in the House.

Miss Rankin was standing in front of the Speaker's desk with other members who had not answered the rollcall on the motion to recommit the army bill when she attempted to cast her vote.

"Were you in the hall and listening when your name was called?" asked Speaker Clark.

"No," replied Miss Rankin.

"Then you cannot vote," said the Speaker. Miss Rankin retired to her seat. The Speaker's decision was in accordance with the rules of the House.

THIEF GIVEN JAIL TERM

Marry Duval Gets Four-Month Sentence for Stealing Flowers from Cemetery.

Harry Duval, arrested several weeks ago while in the act of leaving Hollywood Cemetery with an armful of flowers dug from various sections in the cemetery, was sentenced to four months in the City Jail yesterday by a jury in the Hustings Court. Duval pleaded guilty to the charge, but defended his action by saying that he did not know he was doing wrong in taking the flowers.

The man was arrested by the keeper of the cemetery when he attempted to pass through the gate with the flowers, The plants and pot flowers which he had dug up by their roots for replanting, were rolled in a newspaper.

Duval told police officers that he wanted the flowers for his front yard.

Van Jenkins, who was arrested on Tuesday charged with stealing flowers from Chimborazo Park, was fined $10 and costs and put under bond of $100 for ninety days when arraigned in the Police Court yesterday. The warrant for Jenkins was sworn out in August, 1916, and he had just returned to Richmond after an extended absence when arrested.

NEW ITALIAN DRIVE

Three Austrian Villages, A Mountain Battery and 30 Machine Guns Also Taken.

Rome, May 17. —The War Office announced that as a result of the offeusive begun Tuesday the Italian thus far have captured 3,375 prisoners, a mountain battery and 30 machine guns.

The Italians have captured the wooded heights on the east bank of the Isonzo, north of Gorizia. They have forced a passage of the river between Loga and Bombrez, capturing the latter village.

In the centre of the field of attack the villages of Zagora and Zagomila were taken by the Italians.

Fish Day Tomorrow! Roe shad, buck shad, large sea bass, steak halibut, large white perch, salt water trout, flanders and Potomac Herring, Sanitary Fish Market, Phone 735 City Market, Stall No. 2. Open until 5 p. m. 118-1t.

NOTICE

Post F, T. P. A., will give a supper Friday, May 18, in the Young Peoples' Building at 8 o'clock, in honor of Daniel W. Sale, of Virginia, National President of the T. P. A. Members desirous of attending will kindly notify me before 10 o'clock a. m. Friday.
118-1t Hunt Russell, Sec'y.

WILL VISIT RICHMOND

Balfour and Others it is Announced Will Visit Confederate Capital Saturday.

Lord Balfour, the British Foriegn Secretary, General Bridges and other members of the British High Commission will go to Richmond, the canital of the old Southern Confederacy, next Saturday to receive a tribute and welcome from the South. Arrangements for the visit were made yesterday by John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency.

Ever since the British and French war envoys reached America the South has been clamoring for an opportunity to welcome them into Dixieland. The French envoys could not find time for such a trip, and the British Commissioners also lacked leisure for an extended tour in that section of the country. Finally Comptroller of the Currency Williams, a Virginian suggested that a short trip be made to Richmond, where a welcome could be extended the British envoys in the name of the South.

The British party, accompanied by Mr. Williams and those members of the Virginia Congressional delegation who can leave Washngton, will start from the capital in time to reach Richmond Saturday at noon. There they will be formally welcomed by Governor Stuart, a nephew of Gen. "Jeb" Stuart, and committees of State and Richmond city officials. Lord Balfour and his party will be tendered a reception, after which the British Foreign Secretary will make an address.

The entertainment committee, it is understood here, will carry the distinguished visitors to points of interest in Richmond, including the monument to Gen. Robert E. Lee, erected on Monument avenue, and Lord Balfour or General Bridges will lay a wreath at the base of this monument.

General Bridges, the hero of 11 British campaigns, is a great admirer of the Confederate soldier. He did not hesitate to express his admiration for them when he met Representative "Marse Fred" Talbott, a Confederate cavalryman in the Civil war at a reception given in honor of the British envoys, when told "Marse Fred" was a veteran of the Confederate Army, General Bridges threw his arm over the shoulder of the Maryland Congressman and exclaimed: "I am delighted to meet you; you are the salt of the earth."

Plans for the entertainment of the British party in Richmond have been left in the hands of Governor Stuart.

U. S. BOAT FIGHTS SUBMARINE.

Battle Marks Entrance of American Naval Vessels in European War

London, May 17—A battle between an American destroyer and a German submarine has been fought in European waters, the admiralty announced last night. The result of the conflict was not made public.

The battle marked the entrance of American battleships in the European War.

London, May 17—The British admiralty officially announced yesterday that an American torpedo boat destroyer flotilla is now "at the front" somewhere in European waters. The admiralty statement says:

"A United States destroyer flotilla has arrived to co-operate with our naval forces. The American destroyers arrived at Queenstown, "Rear Admiral Sims, U. S. N., is in daily touch with the chief of staff. The services the United States vessels are rendering the allies is of the greatest value and is deeply appreciated."

Washington, May 17.—Navy Department officials when informed at midnight that the British admiralty had announced there had been a battle between an American destroyer and a German submarine, said they had received no such information.

They expressed keen interest in the report of the engagement and were anxious to know the general location of the place of battle.

They then said that they had received no news of the destroyer fleet since it had gone to the war zone.

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RED MEN OF VIRGINIA

Roger C. Sullivan, of Alexandria, Elected Great Sachem at Danville Yesterday.

The address by former Governor Blease, of South Carolina, was the feature of the opening day of the State Red Men's Convention, which opened here yesterday, his speech and that of James T. Rogers, of Binghamton, N. Y., great senior sagamore of United States, being heard by a large number of citizens.

The first business session was held in the afternoon, considerable discussion arising over a resolution urging the holding of biennial sessions instead of annual. This will be acted on today.

Officers were elected as follows:

Great sachem, Roger C. Sullivan, Alexandria.

Senior sagamore, George W. Banton, Lynchburg.

Junior sagamore, A. W. Compton, Bondtan.

Prophet, E. M. Addington, Coeburn.

Chief of records, Albert M. Tennis, Hampton,

Keeper of wampum, Richard Pibworth, Norfolk.

Great representatives, W. E. M. Addington, J. Ben Moore, Petersburg; Charles Berkert, Richmond.

Four thousand people heard former Governor Blease last night. He got a great ovation. He dwelt chiefly on the tenets of the order, and said that his stewardship as Governor of South Carolina was directed by these principles. The Red Men, he said, taught him to give bodily freedom to those confined in the penitentiary. He dwelt briefly on the war, and said that had he been in Congress he would have voted against war and conscription.

DISORDERLY JUVENILES.

Several of the Younger Generation of First Warders in the Police Court This Morning.

Among the cases before the Police Court this morning were several youths who were charged with disorderly conduct at the northwest corner of Wilkes and Royal streets. An Israelite named Baumgartner conducts a store at that place, and, like others who have located there, is having trouble with mischievous boys. According to the testimony of Baumgartner and his daughter, about fifteen youths last Tuesday night made an attack upon his place of business, and while so engaged broke one of his windows; they also threw a bread box into the store.

As is generally the case, the police failed to get the "King Bee" of the gang, he having left for Riverside, on the electric railway, at an early hour this morning. Those facing the bar denied that they took any part in the disorderly proceedings, and were dismissed with a warning. The absent defendant will be brought before the court as soon as found.

As has often been suggested parents should keep their offspring off the streets after dark, as they are likely to consort with gangs who annoy others in various ways.

POLICE COURT.

Several Minor Cases on the Docket This Morning.

Henry Norton, charged with being drunk, forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

Silas Lee, colored, charged with stealing a pair of eye glasses, was dismissed.

Francis Muan, charged with being drunk on the street, was fined $5

Nat Dodson and Ruben Henderson, charged with fighting, had their case continued.

Several boys, charged with disorderly conduct at the corner of Wilkes and Royal streets, were dismissed with a warning of what will be the consequences should there be a repetition of the offense.

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Deviled Crabs, little neck clams and clam chowder at Rammel's Cafe.

Maryland spring chicken at Rammel's cafe.

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HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

It is said that three despots of ancient days died from being eaten of worms. They were Antiochus Epiphanes, Herod the great, and Herod Agrippa. The first named was a Syrian who captured Judea and attempted to eliminate the Jewish religion. He on one occasion offered a sow on the altar. The second to meet a similar fate was Herod the Great who ordered the slaughter of the babes of Bethlehem in order to destroy the infant King of Jews, and the third (Herod Agrippa) who, clothed himself early one morning in a suit glistening with silver spangles. The multitude cried out "It is a god," and he allowed himself to be so regarded. We are told in the Acts of the Apostles that he was smitten and his death was caused by worms devoloping while he was still alive. The pain attending such a condition is excrutiating, while the effluvium from the body is so offensive that the clothing of the sufferer has to be changed often. Such a fate has ever been regarded as a visitation from heaven.

Antiochus Epiphanes as stated attempted to obliterate the Hebrew religion. After capturing Palestine he promulgated a decree that the deities Greek Pantheon should be worshipped in future. The Jews, of course, could not obey this order, and they were subjected to cruel treatment in consequence. This brought to the front the Maccabees, who resisted the royal decree.

It seems that the mantle of Antiochus Epiphanes has fallen upon some Germans in the twentieth century. The sufferings of Jews in sections of Poland and Lithuanta, now occupied by the Teutons, are read with horror by people throughout the civilized world. During the Jewish New Year of 1916 the Israelites asked permission to cease work in trenches and other places where they were being beaten if they refused to labor whether sick or well. They were graciously allowed on day instead of two, but the captives concluded they would brave the consequences and remain away two days, the second being their holy fast day. Having failed to return to their burdens, they were forcibly seized and on the morning of the holy day soldiers with fixed bayoets compelled the Jews to report for work. Suddenly the Jews noticed that something unusual was on foot. The soldiers were bringing large kettles of boiling water. The cause of this was soon apparent. The Jews were forced to eat, under threats of being shot. "There, you dirty Jews, this is for not reporting for work," on the second day of New Year's. The Jews protested. The old men wept and the young argued that it was unlawful. According to the laws of the compulsory service an offense may be punished either by fire or imprisonment, but under no condition by eating on the holy fast day. But the soldiers obeyed their commanders, and the Jews were forced to eat the filthy food on their holiest fast day while they were being mocked by the German officers. The Jews will never forget this painful and sorrowful indignity.

GERMANY'S DILEMMA

There was nothing that the German Chancellor could say without very great danger, and therefore he said nothing. He is waiting for something to turn up.

As is suggested by an exchange, there has been something ridiculous about the German proffer of peace to the allies from the beginning. None of its enemies have asked Germany for terms. The allies have stuck to their policy of driving the Germans out of countries where they have no right, and, have at no time shown any discouragement or intimated any desire for peace until the Germans shall be ejected from foreign countries and put back where they belong.

Yet ever since the fall of 1915, Germany has been offering the allies the peace terms for which they have not asked, and in which they have not shown the least interest. No one could doubt that these were signals of distress for Germany, and therefore encouraging to the allies, especially as each proffer of peace was more liberal than the one before it. Unmistakably the Germans were growing weary, and the confidence of the allies increased in their ability to expel the Germans from countries where they do not belong, and where they have wrought wanton destruction such as has not been seen before in Europe for centuries.

Yet the German people—a large part of them—continue to insist on their Government offering peace to the allies. What, then, could the Chancellor say? If he announced that Germany would fight until it had broken the power of Great Britain and secured the annexation of Belgium, which a semi-official newspaper says are the objects of Germany, there would be grave danger of a revolt by the Social Democrats, who want peace even without conquests or indemnities. Furthermore, the Germans can be held up to the fighting pitch only by maintaining the delusion that the yare fighting for the defense of their fireside—in foreign countries. When a Socialist member of the Reichstag dares to announce that the republic is coming it behoovves a Chancellor to talk warily.

If, on the other hand, the Chancellor had yielded to the Socialists and announced that the Imperial Government was ready to make peace without indemnities, and without territorial acquisitions, he would have struck a deadly blow at the prestige of the house of Hohenzollern and of the army. He would have admitted the failure of Germany and invited an attack upon imperialism from opposite directions. The Conservatives, or Imperialists, would have been infuriated to the point of abandoning the Kaiser, and the Social Democrats would have been encouraged to demand the republic.

TEACHERS' TROUBLES.

During the forty-five years the public school system has been in operation in Virginia comparatively few charges against teachers for curelty have been brought before the City School Board. In nearly every case the teacher has been exonerated, as it was shown that the alleged victims were unruly, while in some cases the parents admitted that their offspring was beyond their control. On two or three occasions teachers have been cited to appear in the Police Court to answer the charge of assault on pupils. On one occasion a teacher was fined in a magistrate's court, but in the other cases the Police Court dismissed the charges.

These troubles are occasionally in evidence in other places, and an exchange suggests that School Boards ought to be extremely careful to make no mistakes in its investigations of complaints against teachers of harsh treatment of school children. We have no manner of doubt that the vast majority of these complaints are without any foundation whatever. Here and there occasionally a teacher may be found who is inclined to be too severe, or who is lacking in self-control. But such cases are very rare, indeed, so rare that the presumption in charges of ill-treatment is always in favor of the teacher.

It is no simple or easy task to teach and keep in order large classes of children who have good home surroundings and who have been educated from babyhood in the fundamentals of decent behavior. At their best children need discipline; but when they are drawn, as in the public schools, from all sorts of homes, in many of which there is little or no wise discipline, the teachers' work is doubly difficult and frequently intensely disagreeable.

Persons not familiar with conditions in these schools do not realize what the average teacher, especially a woman, has to go through. She has not only to train the minds of many stupid, perverse or mischievous specimens of youthful humanity, but she has often to instruct them in moral as well as physical hygiene. She is a missionary who is daily promoting morals, physical cleanliness and refinement, as well as developing brain power. It is hard enough to have to perform all these functions, and she ought not to be harassed by ignorant and angry parents, who not infreqeuntly would be better off with a little training themselves.

When complaints of this kind are made we believe it would be well for the School Board to investigate the complainants as well as the accused. The sins of the parents are often visited upon the teacher.

"HALT"

Did your great-granddad fight that Old Glory might wave?
Did your grandfather die at Bull Run?
Did your daddy advance through tough Cuban cane?
Did you hike 'neath the Mexican sun?

Or did great-granddad hide with the women and kids?
Or granddad for sake cover run?
Or father sit quietly home by his hearth?
Or did they go forth with a gun?

Did the Belgians quit cold when the Teutons advanced?
Did the Frenchmen their homeland protect?
Did the British jump into the thick of the fray?
Did the Russians their duty neglect?

Did the game Montenegrins do their little bit?
Did Italians jump into the scrap?
Did Rumanians falter when legions of Huns
Wiped their poor little land off the map?

Will you back up the flag, as your ancestors did?
Show the world you're some scrapper yourself;
Or be classed with the bunch that would take to the woods,
While the rifle is laid on the shelf?

Or are you as game as your fighting forebears,
American stalwart and true?
If you are, then come forward, and answer the call.
For the Army and Navy need YOU!

—Kenneth MacDougall

PRESIDENT WILSON'S LETTER.

Will be Read at Alexandria Red Cross Benefit to be Given in the Richmond Theatre Tonight.

The letter from President Wilson, which will be read at the entertainment to be given this evening in the Richmond Theatre in this city for the benefit of the Alexandria branch of the Red Cross, is given below. The President says:

"You may be sure that I have heard with the greatest interest of the benefit to be given for the Red Cross in Alexandria on the evening of the seventeenth. I wish I might be present to express my very profound interest in the object of the benefit and my deep conviction that it is the imperative duty as well as the privilege of our citizens to support to the utmost this great instrumentality of benificence and relief.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
"Woodrow Wilson."

The above letter, together with those from the other prominent gentlemen whose names were given in yesterday's Gazette, will be sold at the close of the exercises in the Richmond Theatre this evening, also signed photographs of Sir Herbert Tree, Miss Julia Marlowe and a notably fine autographed photograph of the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour sent by Mr. Balfour to help to swell the Red Cross funds.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonable space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writers will of course be responsible for their utterances. As a guarantee of good faith, the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor Gazette.

To Our People.

Editor Gazette:

Churches and individuals have most generously donated funds to equip nearly everyone of the private rooms of our new hospital, the women's ward, the children's ward, the colored wards and also the operating rooms, in the most approved manner and according to hospital regulations. But the men's ward, for which I am personally interesting myself, has been overlooked by our people, until now two of our smaller churches—Trinity Methodist and St. John's Chapel, West End, with the good people of Del Ray and some gentlemen of Alexandria County, have come to the rescue and will furnish four beds in this ward. This leaves four beds still unprovided, and I appeal to those of our people who have, no doubt, already generously given to the building fund for the new hospital but can still afford to do a little more, that the work of providing for the care of patients in every station of life may be complete.

Our colored people have done and are doing a wonderful work for them in furnishing both a woman's and a men's ward in all new and up to date hospital requirements. Now I am appealing for the four beds in the men's ward. We do not want to put in old furniture and bedding when all else in the hospital is new. I applied personally to some of the organizations of Alexandria to take these beds and name them for their organizations, two of which most courteously replied—that while they were deeply interested in the hospital they were already pledged to the building fund and to meet that obligation would be the utmost they could do at this time. This is as it should be:

To furnish a bed for the men's ward required $75 for equipping the bed and paying its proportion to the other things required for the ward. Now if individuals or organizations will provide $75 for each of these four beds they can name the beds as they desire and there will be no further obligation unless they in the future wishing to retain the names will supply necessary articles as they wear out.

Some parties would be glad to do a part of this needed work if they could be given some future time to accomplish it, but the daily increasing price on everything necessitates that estimates made today would not hold good at some future time. Beside, in ordering goods in quantities, we get much lower rates, therefore funds necessary are needed at once.

Hoping my appeal may reach the hearts of some of our generous people, I am,

Respectfully,
Mrs. L. Wilber Reid,
Vice President Board of Managers Alexandria Hospital.

MONGOLIA'S EXPERIENCE.

American Steamship Fires First Shot of War in English Channel.

New York May 17.—The story of how the American steamship Mongolia fired the first shot of the war for the United States in defending herself from an attack by a German submarine was told by Lieut. Bruce R. Ware, Jr., commander on board the ship, at a dinner given here last night in honor of Capt. Emery Rice, commander of the Mongolia, and Lieut. Ware.

"On April 19 the sun came up one minute before 5, when we were 9 miles southwest of Beechey Head light, in the English Channel, on the southerly part of the English coast," said Lieut. Ware. "We drove into a thick fog, which obscured the sun. The chief officer at 5:22 a. m., looking from the charthouse, shouted:

" 'My God! A submarine, and he's got us!"

"Capt. Rice cried: 'Not b a d—of a sight,' and leaping to the wheel threw the helm hard astarboard and zigzagged to leaward. Righting ourselves quickly, we charged the Hun U-boat and made the black snake that attacked us on our port bow submerge.

"I leaped to the chart house and blurted into my transmitter for the gun crew to man No. 3 gun and train on the starboard quarter. The answer came back from the gun crew:

" 'We sight her wake.'

" 'Control,' I shouted, and I then gave the range—1,000 yards, scale 50.

"We saw the thin, smoky oil coming to the surface in slow bubbles and suddenly a periscope appeared.

" 'Commience firing!, I shouted.

" 'It's gone,' was the answer from the gun crew.

" 'Fire at will!' I cried, and suddently the blackened shell hurtled forth from the muzzle of the 6-inch gun, preceded by a puff of smoke and struck the water half a foot from the periscope.

"I saw that shell plow through the water 6 inches from the periscope, and shatter that slim object. End over end hurtled the periscope, the smoke rising to the surface, while the gun crew jumped up and down, shouting, 'Hurrah! We've got her!"

"Again came the cry through my transmitter. 'We've sighted her again. Shall we fire?'

"I shouted, 'No, it's all over."

A WASHINGTON LADY

Was Weak, Nervous, Constipated, Dizzy, Gas on Stomach. One Bottle of "Dreco" Relieved Her.

Miss Lottie Rogers, of 611 12th St. N. W., handed the following signed statement to Mr. Fulton, who is personally conducting Dreco sales at O'Donnell's main store, 904 F street, today: "For some time I have been suffering with constipation, sick headache, dizzy, nervous, weak, gas on my stomach, tired all the time, and felt like I could not keep on with my work. I really did not know what was the matter, and was much depressed over my condition. Reading in the daily papers of the wonderful results others were obtaining from Dreco, decided to try it. I have finished one bottle, and to say I am delighted with results expresses it mildly. My constipation all gone, no more headaches or dizziness, gas does not form in my stomach so bad, and feel stronger in every way. I am ready to begin on my second bottle now, and feel that I will be completely cured by time I finish it. I am glad to recommend Dreco to every one, and you have my permission to publish this statement."

Dreco is sold and recommended by Ernest L. Allen and Co., in Alexandria.

Notice

Having disposed of our entire stock of groceries, at 1023 King street, we desire to thank our patrons for their liberal patronage during the past years.

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Carter Brothers, 1023 King St.
May 10, 1917. 113-5t

RAILROADS

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

In Effect December 10, 1916

N. B.—Following schedule figures are published only as information not guaranteed.

Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria.

7:37 A. M., Daily—Local between Washington and Danville, delivers connection daily except Sunday at Orange to C and O., No. 403 for Gordonsville and Richmond.

8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations, Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisburg to Ashville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville Greensboro, and Charlotte.

4:22 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special. Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham and Atlanta, Annigton, Birmingham, Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham, Dining car service, Tourist to California daily.

4:02 P. M.—Daily local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Ashville.

10:02 P. M. Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville Chattanooga, Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service.

4:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special, sleeping cars and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

For detailed schedule figures, tickets, reservations etc., apply to
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Union ticket agent, Alexandria, Va.
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For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 9:47, a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 3:32, 5:17 (local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

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P. M.----12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 20, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 59
Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M. and 11 55 P. M.
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A. M.---Week Days---5 35, 6 55, 7 55, 8 55, 10 20, 11 20—P. M.—12 20, 1 20, 2 20, 3 20, 4 20, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 32, 10 30, 11 50.
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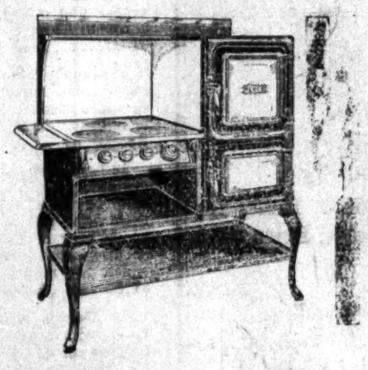

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WOMAN LOSES GLASSES

Found in a Bag of Peanuts in the Pocket of Negro.

Yesterday afternoon a lady entered a confectionery on King street for the purpose of making a small purchase. While engaged in paying the proprietor she says she placed her eye glasses (valued at $3.50) upon the counter, and when she looked for them found they were missing. A negro named Silas Lee left the store at the time, and the lady was positive that he had carried off her glasses. She asked Officer Smith, who was nearby at the time, to intercept the negro, Lee upon being stopped denied having the glasses in his possession and asked the officer to search him. Officer Smith examined a bag of peanuts Lee had in one of his pockets, from which he drew the missing glasses. The negro was locked up, and this morning was brought before the Police Court. The owner of the glasses had sent word that she would not prosecute Lee, as she had recovered her property. Lee denied that he took the glasses, and said they must have dropped into the bag of peanuts. As there was no evidence before the court, and the complainant being absent, Lee was dismissed.

NEW DEFENDANT NAMED.

Clerk of Portsmouth Courts, Will be Sued to Recover Alleged Excess Collections.

The name of E. Thompson, clerk of the Hustings and Circuit Courts of Portsmouth, was added yesterday by Auditor of Public Accounts C. Lee Moore to the list of fee officers of the State against whom he will institute court proceedings for the recovery of fee collections in excess of the amount allowed under the terms of the West bill. The Attorney-General will handle the cases.

The other officers against whom suits will be brought are: Edward J. Doran, commissioner of revenue for Norfolk, $4,519.17; W. B. Hamilton, clerk of Wise County, $1,072.34; H. Stewart Jones, clerk of the Supreme Court at Richmond, $714.50; Alvah H. Martin, clerk of Norfolk County, $5,340.06

Proceedings will be instituted against the following clerks for failure to make a report to the Fee Commission; J. J. Hobb, Alleghany; E. B. Chase, Dickenson; W. C. Armstrong, Rappahannock and J. F. Richmond, Scott. Sheriffs W. D. Martin, of Montgomery and D. E. Croshorn, of Rockingham, will have to answer similar charges. For a like omission, J. B. Graves, commissioner of the revenue for Clifton Forge, and J. J. Hargrave, Jr. treasurer of Dinwiddie, must answer in court.

Classified Advertising

FOR RENT—Two brick houses, one five rooms the other six; $6.00 and $7.00 per month; including water. Apply to W. P. Graves, 635 south Fairfax street. 117-3t

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WANTED— Help— Male— Wanted men, or boys over 16 years of age for permanent or temporary healthy employment; comfortable surroundings; bath; library; rest room, an opportunity for advancement. Can earn $3 per day. Apply to Mr. Pierce, Western Union Telegraph Company, 1401 F street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 115-tf.

FOR SALE SECOND HAND BRICK —150,000 clean hard brick, located at Electric Power House, Four Mile Run. Apply to R. W. Herfurth, foot of Duke street; Phone 66. 116-3t.

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WANTED DRIVER—Position open, for honest, sober man, to care for and drive double team in the city. Must be competent stable man, and faithful to horses. Good wages and permanent job to right party. Apply to Double Team, care of Gazette. 118-3t.

QUICK TO TAKE UP TASK.

Americans, in Fighting Trim After Voyage, Lose no Time Getting to Work.

Washington, May 17.—A squadron of American torpedo boat destroyers has safely crossed the Atlantic and is patrolling the seas in war service.

The American navy's actual entry into the war zone has already been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German underwater boat, according to an announcement by the British admiralty, but the result of it has not been made public.

The destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown after an uneventful voyage across the Atlantic, but almost immediately, after a formal exchange of greetings with the British naval officials, put to sea again for the hard work that is before it.

A crowd of several hundred persons, some of them carrying tiny American flags, lined the water front and cheered the destroyers from the moment they first sighted the flotilla until it reached the dock. The crowd cheered again when a few moments later the American senior officer came ashore to greet the British senior officer and Wesley Frost, the American Consul, who had come down to the dock to welcome the flotilla. Everything was done in a simple, business-like manner. There was an entire absence of formality.

The commander of the British flotilla was waiting on board his ship and sent wireless greetings to the American units as soon as they hove in sight, steaming in a long line into the harbor.

After the exchange of shore greetings and the British commander had congratulated the American officers on their safe voyage, he asked:

"When will you be ready for business?"

"We can start at once," the American commander replied promptly.

GERMANS THROWN BACK.

Invaders Receive Heavy Check in Northern France With Great Losses.

British Headquarters in France, May 17.— The Germans received a heavy check north of the Scarpe River yesterday where in massed formation they stormed this position, which was recently won by the British. After a terrific bombardment, lasting a considerable time the German infantry came down the slopes of Greenland Hill from the direction of Plouvain.

The British artillery made the hillside look like a mushroom farm, bulbs of shell smoke spouting up thickly over the entire field. Machine guns streamed nickeled missiles into the enemy ranks on the front and in the flanks.

Sheer weight and momentum carried the Germans beyond the British outposts and even into the chemical works themselves, but, like a rubber ball, the rebound was instantaneous, and swiftly the defenders struck.

After a short and hard fight the enemy was thrown out, with heavy losses, leaving the British established more securely than ever.

The fighting continued about Bullecourt, and a German partial success recently won there was wiped out. In the meantime the British strengthened their positions eastward toward Roeux and drew a mite closer to Lens. Here the Germans continue their work of wrecking the district. Buildings are being blown up and machinery is being destroyed in order that the great mining center shall not furnish the slightest benefit to the allies when the Germans are finally forced to let go.

London, May 17.— "Exceptionally heavy losses" were inflicted on the German troops, which yesterday were sent against the British between Gavrelle and the Scarpe River, according to the offical report from British headquarters in France tonight.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Two army aviators, one a student and one an instructor, at the Curtiss aviation school at Newport News, were seriously injured just before noon yesterday, when their aeroplane stalled in midair and dropped 75 feet into the James River. The men were rescued by boats that put out from the shore immediately after the accident, and were taken to the Riverside Hospital. "Ted" Hequenbourg, the instructor, is believed to be dying. His back was broken in the fall. Lawrence Curtis, the student, is only a little less seriously injured. Both his arms were broken and one of his legs crushed. He is also believed to have received internal injuries.

An unsuccessful attempt was made at Newport News yesterday afternoon to burn the pier to which is moored the German steamer Arcadia, recently seized by the United States government. Police and firemen stated, following an investigation, that the fire originated under the pier, and apparently was of incendiary origin. The damage will total about $5,000. The company owning the pier has a $32,000 contract for putting the Arcadia in a seaworthy condition. The steamer was not touched by the fire. Police are searching for a man who was seen rowing away from the pier a short time before the fire was discovered.

The taking over of the 50 or more menhaden fishing steamers on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by the Government, to be used in the Government service during the war, will have a most disastrous effect upon business conditions in this section, hundreds of men being thrown out of employment. It seems certain that a number of factories in Northumberland and Lancaster counties will not operate this season. Reedville, in the lower end of Northumberland, is the centre of the menhaden fishing industry, which has made it the wealthiest town per capita in the United States.

An automobile tire led Tuesday night to the undoing of T. J. Burgess, for seven years a member of the Danville police force with an unblemished record. Caught in a trap while receiving stolen goods, he was arrested by detectives. He was discharged from the force and was fined $50 for larceny. The officer asked a negro garage employe if he could get him a tire from the stock room for $5. The negro agreed, but informed the garage proprietor, who told the negro to carry out the plan. The police authorities were notified and stationed two men where they could see the transaction. The officer was arrested a few seconds after the bargain had been made.

David Harris, a young farmer, was accidentally shot and killed last Friday while hunting in Highland county, but his body was not found for several days. Hunting parties were formed, the game wardens were notified, bloodhounds from W. Va., were employed when his dog returned home at Dry Branch without its master. The body was found near a log with a bullet hole through his body. The ball entered near the heart and came out of the back near the shoulder. He evidently dropped his gun or stumbled over the log.

Announcement was made yesterday in Minneapolis of the engagement of Mrs. Elizabeth Shearer Shevlin, of New York and Minneapolis, to Marshall H. Russell, a Wall street broker and son of James B. Russell, banker and capitalist of Winchester. They probably will be married in June. Mrs. Shevlin is the widow of "Tom" Shevlin, noted Yale football star, who died two years ago leaving her an immense estate, including more than $1,000,000 life insurance. She is 27 years old and belongs to an old Louisville family.

William A. Kline, of Luray, a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, was killed at Morgans Grove, W. Va. Kline left Luray early yesterday on his way to Hagerstown and is said to have been sitting with his head out of the cab window when he came in contact with a freight on a siding.

Seeing an object floating in the Shenandoah river, and believing it was a child, J. W. Fultz, a farmer, leaped into the stream and rescued Tuesday Jack Steele, the 7 year old son of Lloyd Steele, owner of the Roudabush Mills, 15 miles south of Luray. When rescued the boy had floated more than 100 yards and life was almost extinct. The boy had been playing on the bank of the river and in some manner fell into the water. A 11 year old brother, who was with the little fellow, made fruitless efforts to rescue him.

Arthur James Balfour and 12 other members of the British War Commission, will be initiated as members of the Phi Beta Kappa, in America, it was announced yesterday in Richmond, oldest scholastic honorary fraternity

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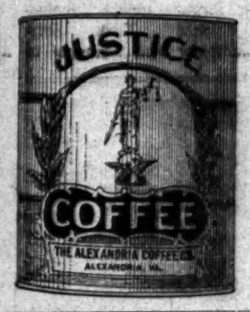

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Virginia Defense Council Urges Immediate Action to Carry Out War Policy.

Virginia's Council of Defense has expressed the sentiments of the people of Virginia on the dilatory, hesitating course of the congress in meeting the war situation. Believing that such non-action had been productive of a feeling of distrust, uncertainty and hesitancy, the council by a unanimous vote passed these resolutions and directed that they be sent to the President and to every member of congress from this state:

"Whereas it is the conviction of this council that the country is facing a perilous crisis in a condition of almost complete unpreparedness, and whereas the congress of the United States has delayed beyond reason the enactment of laws necessary to put the country in a state of defense and has disclosed an alarming division of opinion and vacillation of purpose; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Council of Defense of Virginia does now urge congress to accept leadership and support the President by forthwith enacting the laws which are essential to the safety of the nation; and resolved, That the secretary be directed to communicate this resolution to the President of the Unted States and Virginia's representatives in congress."

"Fight or farm," will be the policy of the Virginia Council of Defense at a no distant date. Search of the statutes for authority to compel every man in the state to get work, to produce, is now being made, and soon there will be a recommendation which will in effect call for a police census of every man in the state. The purpose of this is to force the horde of loafers now infesting the streets to go to work. The result may be that they will be rounded up as vagrants and made to work on the farms. This can be done, it is said, even if the authorities have to resort to "scrapping of laws" to vest the officers with power to compel this course. Bankers of the state will raise a pool of possibly as much as $500,000 for the purpose of aiding deserving, struggling farmers to procure machinery and seeds for the growing of crops. The Council of Defense will cooperate in this and where there are deserving men they will not be asked to deposit collateral. The general desire is to aid these men in every way.

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King George's Household Avoids Waste at Table.

Ottawa, May 17.—Guests at the table of King George of England cut their own bread and this is one way in which the king avoids food waste in his household, according to J. D Hazen, who has returned from England with Premier Borden, of Canada. With the premier, Mr. Hazen sat at the imperial war conference, and the two were among guests who dined with the English king.

"Everybody in England has enough to eat, but the country has come to realize that no food is to be wasted at this time," Mr. Hazen said. "King George is joining with his people in food economy. We were his guests at Windsor castle, and found that no wine, beer or spirits of any kind were now being used in the king's household. The fare at the table has been reduced to the utmost simplicity, and waste is being avoided. For instance, you cut your own bread. There is the loaf and the knife, and you cut what you want. This is done to prevent waste. No toast is allowed, because bread once toasted cannot be used again."

STRIKE TIES UP SHIP YARDS.

Concerns Affected Have Contracts For 15 U-Boat Chasers.

Philadelphia, May 17.—Officials of three Camden (N. J.) ship yards, one of which holds Government contracts for the construction of 15 submarine chasers, admitted yesterday that the strike of carpenters, joiners and calkers, now involving about 600 men, had virtually tied up their plants. Threats of a sympathy strike at larger plants, including the New York Shipbuilding Company and Cramps, in this city, were made by union officials.

Officials at the Camden plant said that the carpenters, joiners and calkers received an increase of 12 1-2 per cent. last month and that a similar increase had been promised them to take effect May 25.

They demand a basic eight-hour day and 53 1-3 cents an hour with time and a half for overtime, instead of 10 hours, at 45 cents an hour.

SHERIFF MISSING.

Believed in Hands of Mob After Wild Auto Race.

Memphis, Tenn., May 17.—A score of deputy sheriffs left here late yesterday afternoon in search of sheriff M. G. Tate, of Memphis, and four of his deputies, believed to have been made prisoners by a mob formed to lynch Ell Persons, colored, who killed 15-year-old Antoinette Rappal and hacked her head from her body.

At midnight Sheriff Tate and his four deputies had not been located, although 25 deputies and many citizens, using automobiles, had searched through three counties.

The mob formed when word spread that Sheriff Tate and his deputies were bringing Persons back to Memphis.

At Arlington, 25 miles from Memphis, 100 men armed with pistols and rifles, surrounded the train. Sheriff Tate stepped off without a prisoner.

A cry to "get the sheriff" went up Sheriff Tate sprang into a waiting automobile and was whisked away. Half a dozen automobiles bearing members of the mob started in pursuit. The racing machines passed through several small towns going toward the Mississippi line.

T. R. TO BE A GENERAL.

Colonel Will Accept New York Commission if Not Allowed to Raise Army Division.

Albany, N. Y. May 17.—At the conclusion of a two hours' conference yesterday with Governor Whitman, Col. Theodore Roosevelt announced that he would accept the Governor's offer of a major general's commission in the State service if the Federal Army bill was passed without the provision to permit him to go to Europe with an expeditionary force.

Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Governor Whitman has, as you know, offered me the commission of major general if the volunteer plan for sending troops abroad is not accepted in Washington. The commission would authorize me to raise one or more divisions in New York State, but the members would not necessarily come from this State."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A farewell message to the people of America from the friendly mission of the sister republic, France, soon to depart for home, was given out late yesterday afternoon. Pressing demands for their presence in France have caused M. Viviani, former premier of France, and Marshal Joffre to cut short their visit. The date of their departure has not yet been settled. Their message yesterday is couched in warm words of appreciation for the reception they received here, within the borders of the newest ally.

Federal grand jury indictments of speculators in food prices in several large centers, including grain and produce markets, will be returned, probably within a few days, it was determined last night by Attorney General Gregory following an all-day conference with George W. Anderson, of Boston, and Robert W. Childs, of Chicago, the government's special investigators into price boosting and grain and produce market manipulating. Conclusive evidence showing price fixing in the handling of foodstuffs, sufficient to warrant indictments in several cities, were laid before the Attorney General.

Former Representative Ernest F. Acheson, 62, died yesterday in Washington in his home following an illness of a week of pneumonia. He served in Congress fourteen years.

Prof. Paul N. Miliukoff, the entente's "strong man" in Russia, yesterday lost his two months' battle with A. F. Kerensky, the Socialist advocate of "open diplomacy" and early general peace. Miliukoff resigned from the office of foreign minister in the provisional government. Kerensky succeeded in placing into that office his friend and party comrade. Tereschtenke, hitherto minister of finance. Then Kerensky himself "accepted" the ministry of war and marine succeeding Gutchkoff.

The number of boats sent to the bottom during the week ended last Sunday constituted the lowest total of British vessels of more than 1,600 tons in five weeks. Only eighteen ships of that category were sunk, as against twenty-four, thirty-eight, forty, and nineteen, respectively, in the preceding four weeks. Only five British ships of less than 1,600 tons weer sunk in the past week, which is also the smallest toll within five weeks, the last low watermark having been two, sunk in the week ended April 8.

Hard times are blamed for the suicide of A. P. Butler, aged 60 who was found in his room in Danville, Tuesday with a bullet in his temple. The body was discovered by his son. Butler operated a small restaurant near a tobacco warehouse and had complained recently of poor patronage and high prices.

A plea for the United States to send an army to France immediately was issued yesterday by Gen. Petain, who yesterday became commander-in-chief of all the French armies in the field. "What is imperative now is men," said Gen. Petain. "What France needs most is men—infantry. We fully believe that of all the nations the United States can do most in the least time. What we look to America for is quick action in order to relieve the nations which have already suffered so much. We look to America also to see big things done."

Russia will make no separate peace with Germany and her allies, in the belief of the administration. In the face of persistent rumors from German sources that the wavering provisional government would listen to overtures from the Kaiser, the United States has extended $100,000,000 credit to the Russian government. This sum will be expended in the United States for munitions of war. A few hours after the extension of the Russian credit, Secretary McAdoo made a loan of $45,000,000 to the Belgian government to be payable in monthly installments of $7,500,000. The credit will be available for the Belgian government immediately.

The Berlin Post says that the administration is about to make a radical decision in regard to the future of Alsace-Lorraine, involving a division of the province between Bavaria and Prussia.

American consumers will have to deny themselves canned beans and canned soups of all kinds for a time under a decision of the war can committee yesterday, which cuts off the supply of cans to packers for those foods. The committee, comprising tin-plate makers, can manufacturers, canners and government officials, holds that the shortage of tin makes it imperative that cans be supplied only to packers of perishables and of foods absolutely necessary to the national existence. The order will be effective for 90 days and perhaps longer.

Members of the House and other friends of Augustus Peabody Gardner, of Massachusetts, began calling him "Colonel" yesterday within a few minutes after his resignation as a member of Congress. The announcement that Representative Gardner—to whom belongs the credit for having first sounded the alarm at the nation's condition of unpreparedness, soon after the war began in Europe—has relinquished his seat in Congress to enter the army, thrilled his colleagues in the House.

The United States circuit court of appeals in Boston yesterday heard argument on the appeal of the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum from an order of the district court appointing Thomas J. Boynton temporary receiver of the organization. Counsel for the order argued that the appointment was illegal because no prior notice had been given the supreme officers. An allegation of financial mismanagement was denied.

The American steamship De Kalb, formerly the German auxiliary cruiser and commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was placed in full commission in the American navy on May 12, the department has announced. The De Kalb will be the first of the German ships, either naval or merchant to be employed against the German government. The Navy Department would not disclose the duty to which the vessel has been assigned.

The death at the front of Gen. von Vietinghoff former governor of Strasburg, is reported in a dispatch from Berlin. Gen von Vietinghoff died from wounds received in the recent fighting near Soissons.

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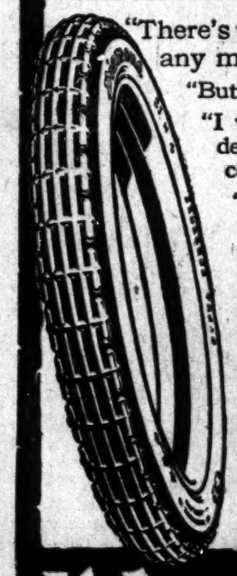

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